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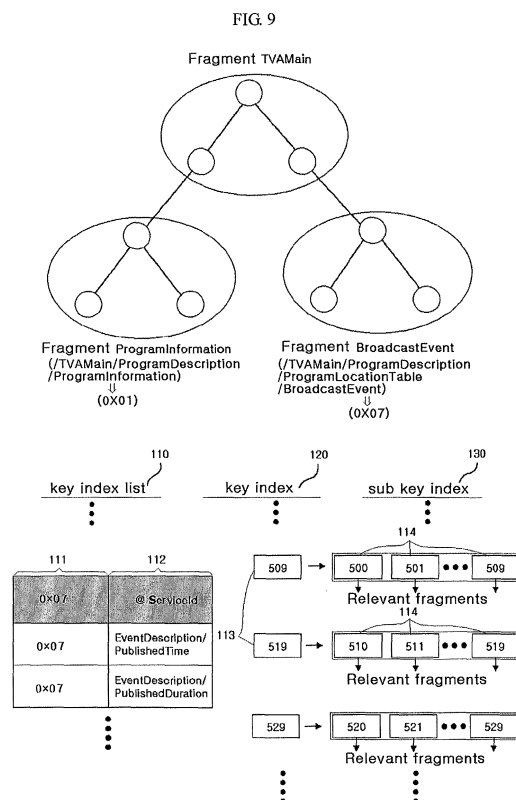
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(57) A method of providing an index structure of metadata for searching for information on contents, where the index structure of the metadata includes a list of keys composed of predetermined fields of the metadata, wherein the list contains therein location information of the fields in the metadata, wherein at least a part of the location information is expressed as predetermined code.





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